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SUBJ: AIR CLUB FLIGHT TO FINLAND: EMBASSY REPRESENTATIONS ON
BEHALF OF ATLANTA SKYLARKS

REF: HELSINKI 1259 #

1. NATIONAL BOARD OF AVIATION APPROVES FLIGHT IN AUGUST TO
HELSINKI OF ATLANTA SKYLARKS AIR TRAVEL CLUB BUT WARNS THAT
FUTURE POLICY OF FINNS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ECAC RESOLUTION,
WILL BE TO REFUSE PERMISSION FOR SUCH FLIGHTS.

2. NATIONAL BOARD OF AVIATION OFFICIAL TODAY INFORMED
EMBASSY ECON/COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR THAT BOARD HAD DECIDED
ON ONE-TIME BASIS TO APPROVE ATLANTA SKYLARKS FLIGHT ON
AUGUST 12 TO HELSINKI. OFFICIAL STATED LETTER TO CLUB TO
THIS EFFECT BEING DRAFTED TODAY.

3. OFFICIAL INDICATED THAT DECISION TO REVERSE
DECISION WAS MADE DESPITE FACT THAT PROPOSED FLIGHT
FITS NO EXISTING CATEGORY OF PERMITTED FLIGHTS.

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HE SAID THAT ENTRY IN CURRENT INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT

INFORMATION MANUAL OF THE US FAA, UNDER AIRCRAFT ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR FINLAND, WHICH STATES " AIR TRAVEL CLUB FLIGHTS ARE REQUIRED TO FURNISH PRIOR NOTIFICATION ONLY" IS INTENDED TO APPLY ONLY TO INDIVIDUAL OR SMALL GROUP PRIVATE FLIGHTS, "SPORTS" FLIGHTS, ETC. AND NOT TO AIR TRAVEL CLUB FLIGHTS SUCH AS THOSE OF ATLANTA SKYLARKS.

4. HE FURTHER SAID THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH A RECENT EUROPEAN CIVIL AVIATION CONFERENCE (ECAC) RESOLUTION, FINLAND INTENDS TO MODIFY ITS REGULATIONS SO AS TO SPECIFICALLY BAR FLIGHTS TO FINLAND BY AIR TRAVEL CLUBS. IF OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES FOLLOW SUIT, FLIGHTS TO EUROPE BY ATLANTA SKYLARKS AND SIMILAR AIR TRAVEL CLUBS WILL APPARENTLY BE DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE OR IMPOSSIBLE.

5. METSALAMPI OF FINNISH NATIONAL BOARD OF AVIATION EXPRESSED REGRET THAT REPLY TO EMBASSY'S REPRESENTATIONS WAS DELAYED, BUT EXPLAINED THAT DELAY WAS DUE TO DESIRE TO REACH POSITIVE DECISION IN THIS INSTANCE.
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